

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Student Internship Program



The Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park Internship program brings together student careers and park exploration. Students are immersed in park management and apply knowledge towards real-world management solutions. This **12 week paid** internship (May 21-August 11, 2012) takes a student experience and studies to the next level. In addition to work experience, students participate in a resource based environmental literacy course. Students develop a sense of place in natural landscapes to deepen their understanding of ecological relationships and enhance ecological literacy for a lifetime.

Interns hired at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will be paid as park employees ranging in **pay from \$11.00-\$12.00 an hour**. Because they are paid employees, interns must undergo a security background investigation prior to beginning their internship, which can take up to four weeks to complete. Interns will live in shared seasonal housing, the cost of which will be deducted from their salary. Housing costs range from \$300-\$400.00 a month, depending on housing type and location.

Application is due March 12th 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email: _____

Current year in school: _____ **GPA:** _____

To apply students must attach:

- ✓ This application with your priority choices of positions.
- ✓ Current resume
- ✓ Current transcripts
- ✓ Pre-Employment Eligibility Form

Submit this application to...

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POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

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Students, you must choose at least your top three internship choices based on the descriptions below. 1-to indicate your top choice 2- indicating second choice and 3-indicating third choice and so on...

☐ **WILDERNESS & AIR QUALITY FIELD TECHNITION**

This position will work with both Visitor, Fire and Resources Protection and Resources Management and Science Divisions. Both divisions will provide experience in park operations, Wilderness and resource management, designed to provide a well-rounded experience with examples of how science and the importance of these designated lands contribute to development of policy, planning, and management while promoting ideas and career paths. The intern will participate in a variety of air quality and water sampling as well as assist in the Wilderness Office. The student will explore how air quality affects resources, human health, visibility, scenery, and Wilderness Character.

☐ **ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION FIELD TECHNITION**

This is a joint position between Invasive Plant Management and Fire Ecology programs stationed at Grant Grove in Kings Canyon National Park. This position will introduce a student to the importance of invasive species management and fire ecology to management of these parks. The intern will gain experienced in GPS, plant identification, data entry and analysis software and various techniques for managing invasive plants to maintain healthy ecosystems. The student will collect data that will provide insight to the following year's planting protocols and species list.

☐ **COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL MEDIA PARK GUIDE**

The intern will provide social media expertise to enhance connections with diverse populations. This student will work with the Fire Education Specialist to research and develop a catalogue of social media products. Products and research will include natural and cultural resource themes as well as the development of historical milestones for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to further enhance the parks' web presence.

☐ **VISITOR & RESOURCE PROTECTION FIELD TECHNITION**

This position is stationed in the Lodgepole area of Sequoia National Park. The intern will assist protection rangers in monitoring visitor patterns to insure visitor safety. Through formal classroom instruction and on-the-job training, the intern will acquire skills and abilities to assist in emergency services and resource protection. *The incumbent is required to and will be exposed to potential carriers of communicable diseases and blood borne pathogens, on a regular basis. The exposure is the result of having to provide law enforcement and emergency medical care. The incumbent may also be exposed to high frequency noise during search and rescue, law enforcement and emergency medical care activities.*

☐ **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION & LOGISTICS TECHNITION**

This intern will work with the Resource Management and Science division to assist in the planning of a science management symposium to introduce a new paradigm of management in an era of global change. Part of the intern's duties will be to engage partners to develop information and activities that convey advances in scientific understanding, emerging management challenges and potential responses. The student will gain a better understanding of global change and management challenges in the National Park Service and beyond park boundaries.

☐ **JUNIOR RANGER PARK GUIDE**

This intern will work with the division of Interpretation, Education and Partnerships to enhance and grow the parks' junior ranger programs in the Grant Grove area of Kings Canyon National Park. The intern will create deep connections between a younger generation and parks through the development of new and innovative park experiences. The student will design and pilot new kid-centered formal and informal programs.

☐ **INTERPRETIVE PODCAST PARK GUIDE**

This intern will work with the division of Interpretation, Education and Partnerships to develop park themed podcasts. The student will work with the Sequoia North District Interpreter and Media Specialists to design and film one to two visitor centered podcasts. This position will be stationed in the Lodgepole area of Sequoia National Park. The student will research topics such as natural history, wildlife, and park history to better understand park resources and assist in staffing two of the parks busiest visitor centers to better understand visitor experiences.